

*claims PTO*

We claim:

1. (Amended) An edible, soft capsule, which comprises a soft, dry shell which comprises:

[(v)] (a) about 12-24 weight % iota-carrageenan;

[(vi)] (b) about 30-60 weight % modified starch;

[(vii)] (c) about 10-60 weight % plasticizer; and

[(viii)] (d) about 1-4 weight % sodium phosphate dibasic buffer system [; and] ,

wherein said shell encloses a soft capsule fill material.

2. A soft capsule according to claim 1 wherein the plasticizer is comprised of glycerin or sorbitol or a mixture thereof and the modified starch is selected from the group consisting of modified corn starch, acid modified hydroxypropylated corn starch and hydroxypropylated acid modified tapioca starch.

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3. (New) An edible, soft capsule which comprises a soft, dry shell which comprises:

(a) iota-carrageenan;

(b) modified starch; and

(c) plasticizer,

wherein the weight ratio of iota-carrageenan to modified starch is at least 1.5:1 and wherein said shell encloses a soft capsule fill material.

4. (New) An edible, soft capsule which comprises:

(a) a soft dry shell comprising:

(i) iota-carrageenan;

(ii) modified starch; and

(iii) plasticizer,

wherein the weight ratio of iota-carrageenan to modified starch is at least 1.5:1, and

(b) soft capsule fill material.

5. (New) A soft shell capsule according to claim 4 wherein the soft, dry shell also comprises buffer.

6. (New) An edible, soft capsule, which comprises a soft, dry shell which comprises:

- (a) about 12-24 weight % iota-carrageenan;
- (b) about 30-60 weight % modified starch;
- (c) about 10-60 weight % plasticizer; and
- (d) about 1-4 weight % buffer,

wherein said shell encloses a soft capsule fill material.